

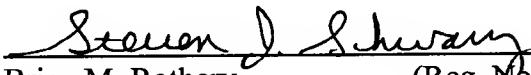
REMARKS

Applicants submit this amendment to the specification to correctly identify the filing date of priority application PCT/CH00/00346 as June 26, 2000. This amendment is being submitted to correct an inadvertent misidentification of the filing date of PCT/CH00/00346 in the specification as filed. A new Declaration of the inventors, reflecting this correction, is being submitted concurrently herewith.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge the required fees to Pennie & Edmonds Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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APPENDIX A
MARKED -UP SPECIFICATION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of the U.S. National Stage designation of co-pending International Patent Application PCT/CH00/00346, filed June 2[7]6, 2000, the entire content of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference thereto.